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SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF GREENE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS  
AND CIA ALLEGATIONS

1. STATING THAT FONMIN DE LA FLOR HAD NOT RETURNED  
YET FROM A LONG LUNCHEON, SECGEN GARCIA BEDOYA  
RECEIVED ME AT 4:00 TODAY (DECEMBER 20). HE SAID  
DE LA FLOR WOULD BE AVAILABLE LATER TODAY, AND I HOPE  
TO SEE HIM TO COVER SOME OF THE SAME GROUND AS WITH  
GARCIA BEDOYA, NAMELY FURTHER GOP REACTION TO USG  
DECISION TO DISTRIBUTE GREENE AGREEMENT PROCEEDS AND  
EXPRESO ARTICLES ALLEGING CIA ROLE IN THIS CASE  
(LIMA 10769).

2. REGARDING MONCLOA COLUMN IN EXPRESO, GARCIA BEDOYA  
DESCRIBED IT AS "UNA BARBARIDAD." HE SAID HE DISCUSSED  
THE TWO EXPRESO ITEMS THIS MORNING WITH DE LA FLOR, WHO  
TOLD GARCIA BEDOYA HE WOULD TALK TO EXPRESO MANAGEMENT  
TO CALM DOWN ITS TREATMENT THIS SUBJECT. GARCIA BEDOYA  
SAID THAT THESE EXPRESO ARTICLES DO NOT REPEAT  
NOT REFLECT GOP VIEWS AS TO CIA ALLEGATIONS, AND THAT AS  
FAR AS HE KNOWS THEY DO NOT PRESAGE ANY CHANGE OF GOP  
POLICY THIS REGARD. WE DISCUSSED "DISINTELLIGENCE"

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ASPECTS OF EAST GERMAN PUBLICATION "WHO'S WHO IN CIA,"

READING TOGETHER THE ENTRIES IN THE BOOK ON FORMER PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND EX-SECRETARY DEAN RUSK; GARCIA BEDOYA, IN MY VIEW, IS FAR TOO INTELLIGENT AND SOPHISTICATED TO BE TAKEN IN BY SUCH FLIMSY, UNSUBSTANTIATED BROADSIDE CHARGES. WE ALSO REVIEWED THE RECENT ASSURANCES GIVEN THE GOP AS TO THE ABSENCE OF "DESTABILIZING" ACTIVITIES HERE, AND I REMINDED HIM SPECIFICALLY OF THE SECRETARY'S RECENT LETTER ON THIS MATTER. WHEN I ASKED IF THIS EXPRESO LINE WOULD BE KEPT UP IN COMING DAYS, GARCIA BEDOYA SAID HE THOUGHT NOT, AND SPECIFICALLY THAT THE CHARGES AGAINST AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE REPEATED.

3. ON SUBJECT OF DISTRIBUTION OF GREENE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS, GARCIA BEDOYA SAID THAT APART FROM EXPRESO OTHER NEWSPAPERS TODAY HAVE ALREADY REDUCED INTENSITY OF CRITICISM OF USG DECISION, AND WHILE CRITICISMS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE HE BELIEVES TREATMENT WILL SOON BECOME SOMEWHAT MORE MODERATE IN EXTENT AND TONE. HE NOTED THAT USG STATEMENT (AS REPORTED IN UPI ITEM) HAD BEEN EXPANDED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF GOP OPPOSITION TO PAYMENT TO EXXON, AND EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THIS ADDITION TO THE EARLIER TEXT SHOWN HIM ON DECEMBER 17. HE ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAD SAID GOP BELIEVES USG "VIOLATED" GREENE AGREEMENT; GARCIA BEDOYA SAID HE OBJECTS TO THIS TERM, AND THAT GOP HAD INSTEAD SAID USG "DISTORTED THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE AGREEMENT."

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT YET HAVE ANY INDEPENDENT READING OF HOW THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE VIEWS THE ISSUE, BUT OF COURSE WILL BE WATCHING FOR CLUES. HOWEVER, IF GARCIA BEDOYA'S VIEWS ARE SHARED BY DE LA FLOR - AND MORE IMPORTANTLY BY PRESIDENT VELASCO - ALL OF US WHO FOLLOW PERUVIAN AFFAIRS MAY YET ENJOY A TRANQUIL HOLIDAY. CERTAINLY GARCIA BEDOYA'S VIEWS AND PREDICTIONS ARE REASSURING, AND OUR OWN CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE (AS WILL ALSO BE EXPRESSED ISG# NOTE ANSWERING THE GOP NOTE OF DECEMBER 18) SHOULD HELP CONSIDERABLY TO CALM THINGS DOWN.  
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